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SUBJ : WITHDRAWAL OF RWANDA-BURUNDI CONFLICT
FROM OAU AGENDA

1. FMG ANNOUNCED JULY 30 RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANS SENT LETTER TO GOWON, IN LATTER'S CAPACITY AS OAU CHAIRMAN, FORMALLY WITHDRAWING RWANDA-BURUNDI CONFLICT FROM LIST OF INTER-STATE COMPLAINTS INSCRIBED ON OAU AGENDA. LETTER, WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO GOWON BY TWO-MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY A. JOSEPH NIZEYEMANA, STATED THAT PROBLEM BETWEEN RWANDA AND BURUNDI HAD NOW BEEN HAPPILY RESOLVED AND THAT COMPLAINT WAS BEING WITHDRAWN.

2. GOWON CONGRATULATED MICOMBERO AND HABYARIMANA FOR NEW SPIRIT OF ACCORD THEY HAD ACHIEVED IN AREA WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN UNITY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO MOBUTU FOR HIS
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM.

GOWON THEN CALLED ON BOTH PRESIDENTS TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY
THUS PRESENTED TO BRING PEACE IN AREA, STRESSING THAT
POLICY OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS INSURED SOLUTION TO
THREE-QUARTERS OF A COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. THIS IS ONE
OF CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF NIGERIA'S FOREIGN POLICY, HE SAID.

3. NIZEYEMANA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO GOWON FOR
SENDING OF PEACE MISSION TO KIGALI.
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